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To: County Superintendents of Schools, County Auditors, and  
County Treasurers

From: Janet Sterling, Director  
School Fiscal Services Division

Subject: Notice of Apportionment for the Miller-Unruh Basic Reading Program,  
Fiscal Year 2002-03

This apportionment, in the amount of \$28,830,222, has been made from funds provided by Item 6110-126-0001 of the 2002 Budget Act (Chapter 379, Statutes of 2002). This apportionment provides funding to each eligible local educational agency (LEA) to employ reading specialists for the purpose of preventing and correcting reading difficulties at the earliest possible time in the educational career of the student.

For fiscal year 2002-03, the Miller-Unruh Basic Reading program provides up to \$26,769 per full-time reading specialist position or the teacher's actual salary, whichever is less. This rate includes a 2.00 percent cost-of-living adjustment. For funding requirements of reading specialist teachers, please refer to *Education Code* Section 52859.

The amount funded in this apportionment represents 100 percent of the rate per full-time reading specialist position. Each district will be required to complete a J-10-A certification form at the end of the fiscal year. No Supplemental Grant funding is provided in 2002-03. As such, no allocations will be made for Supplemental Grants which contribute to the Miller-Unruh program selections made pursuant to *Education Code* Section 54761.2 in 2002-03. However, Assembly Bill 2781 (Chapter 1167, Statutes of 2002) appropriates \$241,739,000 for a special supplemental grant apportionment in July 2003.

Direct funded charter schools must apply individually for this program. We identify the amount for direct funded charter schools separate from the district or county amount. All other charter schools must apply through their authorizing agency, and funding associated with the charter school is included in the district amount.

Warrants will be mailed to each county treasurer approximately four weeks from the date of this Notice. The county treasurers are requested to immediately deposit the amount received for each participating LEA to the General Fund of the LEA. For standardized account code structure (SACS) coding, use Resource Code 7200, Miller-Unruh Reading Program, and Revenue Object Code 8590, All Other State Revenue. For non-SACS coding, use Income Account Code 8411, Basic Reading Act. County superintendents of schools are requested to inform LEAs immediately regarding this apportionment.

If you have any questions regarding this apportionment, please contact Nancy Cook at (916) 324-4549 or by e-mail at [ncook@cde.ca.gov](mailto:ncook@cde.ca.gov), or Ging Tucker at (916) 324-4536 or by e-mail at [gtucker@cde.ca.gov](mailto:gtucker@cde.ca.gov). For program issues, please contact Debby Lott at (916) 323-4800 or by e-mail at [dlott@cde.ca.gov](mailto:dlott@cde.ca.gov).

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